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MEMORANDUM FOR: National Intelligence Officer for Warning

FROM : Director, SWS

SUBJECT : Unusual Soviet Military Activity

In keeping with our charge to "think ominously" we are increasingly bothered by a series of Soviet military activities which, although forming no clear pattern and may in some case be casually connected, suggest that the Soviets may be taking contingency steps for some larger confrontation with the U.S. We cannot point to a specific action which these activities may be aimed at, and they may reflect nothing more than Soviet precautionary measures for a troubled area. Nevertheless, we believe we need to watch these developments carefully. We are forwarding for your information the attached list of the events, which give rise to our concern, and will send you updates as seem appropriate.

Unusual Deployment of Medium Bombers

Since 26 December there has been a significant repositioning toward south central USSR of Badger medium bombers of Soviet Long Range Aviation.

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Naval Activities

- Assembly of Soviet naval vessels at the anchorage in the Gulf of Hammamet which includes the Kiev, Moskva, plus cruisers, destroyers, frigates and escort vessels.

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